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Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Elk Late-Successional Reserve Enhancement Project, Siskiyou County, CA (CEQ# 20160081)

Dear Mr. Myers:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

Shasta-Trinity National Forest proposes to restore and enhance the Elk Late-Successional Reserve on 3,482 acres of National Forest System Lands. The Modified Proposed Action (Alternative 1) includes prescriptions of thinning, prescribed fire, road decommissioning, and meadow restoration. EPA appreciates the informative Response to Comments provided by the Forest Service in the Final EIS.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Final EIS and the Draft Record of Decision. If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-972-3521, or contact Stephanie Gordon, the lead reviewer for this project, at 415-972-3098.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Martyn Goforth
FOR Kathleen Martyn Goforth, Manager
Environmental Review Section

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